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SUBJECT: PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

, CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN CHINA VISITS...
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CONGRESSMEN REUSS AND STANTON, THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING
MINORITY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE, HAVE
EXPRESSED, TO H, THEIR INTEREST IN A TRIP TO THE PRC LATER
THIS YEAR. WE ASSUME THAT THEY WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
SECOND WHITE HOUSE-SPONSORED CODEL FOR 1977. WE UNDERSTAND
THEY WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE CHINESE SUCH PRICKLY ISSUES
AS THE IMF, EX-IM BANK, AND USG CREDITS FOR CHINESE IMPORTS.

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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS IS ALSO PRESSING,
THROUGH COLGATE PRENTICE IN PA, ITS CASE FOR A TRIP TO THE
PRC. GOVERNOR ASKEW, WHO HEADS THE GROUP THIS YEAR, WAN;S
TO GO DURING HIS TENURE. WE TOLD PRENTICE THAT THE 1977
FACILITATED PACKAGE IS ALREADY AGREED UPON, SUGGESTED THE
GOVERNORS MIGHT APPROACH PRCLO DIRECTLY, AND PROMISED TO

RECORD THE GOVERNORS' INTEREST IN DISCUSSION OF THE 1978 PACKAGE.

2. PRC DEMARCHE OVER PROTECTION OF CHINESE LIVES AND PROPERTY (CONFIDENTIAL)

TWO PRCLO CONSULAR OFFICERS CALLED ON US THIS WEEK TO INFORM US OF THE DEATH OF A CHINESE-AMERICAN (WHOSE WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE STILL CHINESE NATIONALS) AND THE WOUNDING OF HIS CHINESE-CITIZEN BROTHER IN A HOLDUP ATTEMPT AT THEIR WASHINGTON RESTAURANT LAST MONTH. THE PRCLO OFFICERS REQUESTED THE USG TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD CHINESE LIVES AND PROPERTY IN THE US AND TO PUNISH THE CULPRITS SEVERELY. WE MAY BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT THIS PRESUMPTUOUSNESS TO HELP USLO WITH CONSULAR CASES IN PEKING. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE CHECKING WITH THE DC POLICE AND COURTS ON THE CASE.

3. CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ONE CHAPTER OF THE NEWLY-FORMED CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS PRESSING FOR EARLY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, HAS BEGUN AN ACTIVE LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN. THUS FAR, WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND MIKE OKSENBERG. ALL OF THESE LETTERS HAVE COME FROM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF WEST COAST CHINESE-AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS, AND CONTAIN SOME INTERESTING DEVIATIONS FROM THE MAIN-LINE
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CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S ARGUMENTS ON IMMEDIATE NORMALIZATION. THE LETTERS PRINCIPALLY OFFER THE USG CHINESE-AMERICAN EXPERTISE.

4. LONGSHOREMEN INVITE CHINESE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE ILWU (LONGSHOREMEN'S UNION) HAS INVITED THE ALL CHINA FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE UNION CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE NEXT WEEK. IN LINE WITH LONG-STANDING POLICY, THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO REFUSE VISA REQUESTS FOR A SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE. SINCE THE LONGSHOREMEN HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM THE PRC TO THEIR INVITATION, AND NO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT USLO, THE MATTER IS MOOT FOR THE TIME BEING.

5. CHINESE PLANE TO LAND IN ANCHORAGE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

A CHINESE AIRCRAFT FLYING TO AND FROM VANCOUVER WILL LAND AT ANCHORAGE MAY 3, RAISING AGAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTEMPT BY A US CITIZEN WITH A CLAIM AGAINST THE PRC TO ATTACH THE PLANE. WE ASSUME THE PLANE'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE WILL NOT BECOME KNOWN PUBLICLY AND ARE CO-ORDINATING WITH THE FAA AND THE MILITARY (THE AIRPORT IS ON A MILITARY BASE BUT USED FOR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS).

6. PRM-24 (SECRET)

WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST INTERAGENCY MEETING ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SECTION OF PRM-24 NEXT TUESDAY MORNING. FIRST DRAFTS ARE DUE MAY 2.

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